

are so thoroughly organized for effective work. They have constituted themselves into a bureau of information, and thro their regularly appointed agent, brother J. E. Parsons, are prepared to enlighten the brotherhood on any question relative to the conference. Such information will be freely furnished, if within the bounds of reason and common sense. We take it upon ourselves to say for the people of Johnstown that whatever they undertake to do they do with their might and do it right. So far as the local management of the conference is concerned we vouch for its success.

BROTHER TALLEY gives some plain hints to the young people in this issue. We, too, think they should unite their efforts on one thing and make that *one* thing a success. Paul said, "This *one* thing I do." The young people we hope will accept it kindly if we suggest that they first of all try to unite in organization. If this can not be done, then let them be thoroughly united in their aim and object. They can be one in aim, even if not one in organization. There is one thing we can not afford to do and that is, *divide our efforts*. We *must* unite. This is true, not only of the young people's work, but of all our church work. If we can not be one in organization, for Christ's sake and for the sake of the salvation of souls, let our *aims* be one.

We do not yet have the minutes of the Virginia conference. If the secretary will send us the proceedings we will gladly give them place in the paper. The business part only need be reported. It is helpful to other districts to know what their neighbors are doing, and a report of such work is therefore desirable. We had hoped to be able to publish the minutes in this issue, and for this reason held back our "Conference Notes." We will, however, conclude these "Notes" next week, even if we do not have the minutes of the conference for publication. The churches of Maryland and the Virginias had an excellent meeting, and we feel sure others would be glad to hear and learn of their work.

THE *King's Children* paper for the month of July was mailed this week. Copy came in late, and the paper may be a Sunday late to those living far away from the office. Brother Talley promises a special conference number. We hope to be able to get it out in good time.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Just as we were ready to go to press, we received a telegram from brother J. E. Parsons, stating that the time for the opening of the National Conference has been changed from Tuesday, August 24, 2 P. M. to Thursday, August 26, 2 P. M. Please make a note of this.

A COMMON VACATION MISTAKE.

Those of our ministers who contemplate a vacation during the summer months will do well to heed the following advice given by the editor of the *Homiletic Review*:

"There is often danger that the minister, under pressure of a fancied necessity for absolute rest, will follow the example of some of his parishioners and leave his religion behind him when he goes on his vacation. Nothing could be worse for the minister himself, since it takes him out of spiritual touch with men, and replaces the habit of religious alertness by one of indifference; in short, gets him out of gear, so to speak, for his ministerial work. Nothing could be worse for the people among whom he passes his vacation. They judge all ministerial life by limited observation of, and hasty generalization from, such cases, and lose faith in the ministry and in religion. We have known many, however, of that other kind, who have been genuine apostles and who have left behind them churches gathered in the wilds as monuments of their genuine and practical Christianity."

IN HIS NAME.

A little boy who is evidently filled with the missionary spirit writes us the following letter which we greatly appreciate;

DEAR EDITOR:—I will tell you how I earned a dollar. I took a subscription paper and started out for missionary work. My papa gave me some and then I went to the neighbors and then I went down town till I got a lot more. One man signed a postal card and I sold it for a penny. Another signed a dog but I would not take it without a collar. I soon raised a dollar and now I guess all the rest are going to raise a dollar just 'cause I did. I am seven years old.

RAY CUFFEL,

Warsaw, Ind.

You did very well little Ray, and the Lord will richly bless your labor of love. There are many big people who have never made as much of an effort as you have and we think when they see your letter they will feel a little ashamed of themselves, don't you think so too? The Lord loves all little boys and girls, but he especially loves those who work for him as you are doing. He not only loves them, but he will care for them, bless them and make them happy both in this

world and in the world to come. You are quite young indeed but not too young to love and serve Jesus. Who can tell how much your dollar may accomplish? It may be the means of saving souls, and then even the angels will rejoice over the work of a little boy. Do you not feel happy because of what you have done? Of course you do. It is Jesus that makes you feel that way. He always makes us feel happy when we do good. Our prayer is that you may grow up to be a good and useful man and do much service for Jesus who came into the world to save us.

PAY FOR THE PIPING.

It is the glory of the gospel that it is free—free to all who will come and ask for it. Many years before Christ came, Isaiah the prophet, looking forward to the time when the Messiah would come, said, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." And so thro the ages this blessed gospel of the Son of God has been offered to all free and without price. Salvation is not to be bought; there is no purchasing power equal to it. It is a blessed thing that it is free to all, otherwise the rich as well as the poor would be without salvation. Eternal life, the apostle says, is the gift of God. It is freely given to those who comply with the conditions, and these are necessary to prepare men and women for its reception and appreciation. God could give this salvation even to those who do not want it, but they could not appreciate it nor enjoy it and would therefore not make them any better for having it.

The fact however, that this gospel is free is not inconsistent with the idea of paying to have it preached. A collection basket is entirely consistent with a free salvation. The contributions to the missionary cause and to the support of the home work must not be interpreted to mean paying for salvation. It is not; to converted people giving becomes a pleasure, a privilege of which they would not be deprived for a thousand times the amount they are asked to contribute. If giving is not a pleasure to you, you may well question the genuineness of your conversion. To the converted man giving is as natural as praying; he gives because he loves to give, because he loves the souls of others; he thanks God that he has an